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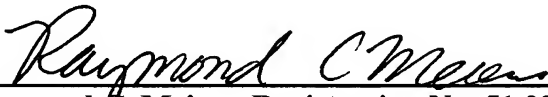
After entry of this Amendment, claims 1, 3-6, 8-11 and 14-21 are pending in the application. Claims 6 and 8 have been amendment to more particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter that the applicant regards as the invention. Consideration of the application as amended during initial examination is requested.

It is submitted that the amendments have antecedent basis in the application as filed and that the amendments do not add new matter to the application. If the Examiner believes that prosecution of the application can be expedited by way of an Examiner's amendment, the Examiner is invited to contact the Applicant's attorney at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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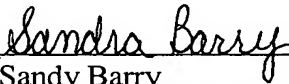
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I hereby certify that this **SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.115** is being deposited with the United States Postal Service, postage prepaid, in an envelope addressed to MAIL STOP MISSING PARTS, Commissioner for Patents, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on **January 7, 2004**.


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